

OPENING REMARKS: (ASHLAND COLLEGE)

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TO HAVE TO LEARN GEOGRAPHY, FOREIGN LANGUAGES, AND LIVE SIDE BY
SIDE WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND A HOST OF OTHER REAL
THREATS AND PROBLEMS. THE DAYS OF AMERICAN COMPLACENCY AND

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AUTOMATIC PROSPERITY ARE BEHIND US, BUT OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS NEW WORLD ARE EQUALLY IMPRESSIVE -- OUR TECHNOLOGY, VALUES AND POLITICAL IDEOLOGY ARE WHAT THE WORLD WANTS. WE HAVE NEVER LIVED IN A MORE DANGEROUS WORLD BUT WE HAVE ALSO NEVER LIVED IN ONE WHERE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE U.S. INTERESTS FUNDAMENTALLY HAVE BEEN SO GREAT. I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT ALL OF THIS LATER TODAY AND I DON'T WANT TO STEAL ALL OF MY OWN THUNDER. RIGHT NOW, I AM AT YOUR DISPOSAL AND READY TO TALK ABOUT THE STATE OF THE WORLD, THE STATE OF THE NATION, AND THE STATE OF CIA.

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ASHLAND COLLEGE
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PRESIDENT SHULTZ, STUDENTS AND FACULTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS A PARTICULAR HONOR AS WELL AS A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO BRING TO THIS CAMPUS, TO THIS CENTER, AND TO THIS COMMUNITY, THE DEEP GRATITUDE AND GREAT RESPECT WHICH THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HAS AND WILL ALWAYS HAVE FOR JOHN ASHBROOK. ENSHRINED IN THE MINDS AND MEMORIES OF OUR PEOPLE AS WELL AS IN OUR ARCHIVES IS THE VALIANT AND SUCCESSFUL FIGHT WHICH CONGRESSMAN JOHN ASHBROOK WAGED ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ENACT THE INTELLIGENCE IDENTITIES ACT OF 1982. WITHOUT JOHN'S COURAGE AND ZEAL THAT LAW WOULD NOT HAVE CARRIED. YOU WILL RECALL THAT RENEGADE AMERICANS SEEKING TO DESTROY THE NATION'S INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY WERE REVEALING THE IDENTITIES, LOCATIONS AND ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS SERVING OUR NATION AROUND THE WORLD. EACH PERSON NAMED IN THE PUBLICATIONS THEY SENT AROUND THE WORLD BECAME A POTENTIAL TARGET, ALONG WITH HIS FAMILY AND COLLEAGUES, FOR ASSASSINATION OR OTHER FORMS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS. DICK WELCH, OUR STATION CHIEF IN GREECE, WAS FINGERED BY THESE TRAITORS AND ASSASSINATED IN THE DRIVEWAY OF HIS HOME AS HE WAS GETTING OUT OF HIS AUTOMOBILE. WE OWE IT TO JOHN ASHBROOK THAT OUR OFFICERS AND AGENTS NOW ENJOY LEGAL PROTECTION FROM THIS KIND OF DASTARDLY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND THAT THIS KIND OF INFORMATION IS NO LONGER PUBLISHED IN ANY REGULAR ORGANIZED

FORM. WE WILL NEVER FORGET JOHN ASHBROOK. I ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS MY ESTEEM TO FRED LEVINSON AND ED LOESY AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE ASHBROOK CENTER. FINALLY, I THANK MY OLD COMRADE-IN-ARMS AND 40 YEARS OF POLITICS, CLIFF WHITE.

OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE A CONCERTED AND, I BELIEVE, SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO REBUILD THIS NATION'S INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES. ONE OF THE THINGS OF WHICH I AM MOST PROUD IS THE MANNER IN WHICH WE HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES OF OUR COUNTRY. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT IF WE DON'T TAP THE IMPRESSIVE SOURCES OF EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT, OUR OWN CAPITAL STOCK OF KNOWLEDGE AND IMAGINATION WILL RAPIDLY DEplete. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS SUCH AS THIS ONE, THE NUMEROUS JOINT CONFERENCES OUR ANALYSTS HOLD WITH THEIR ACADEMIC COUNTERPARTS, AND THE OUTSIDE REVIEW AND CRITIQUE TO WHICH WE SUBMIT MANY OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSESSMENTS ALL KEEP US SHARP AND OPEN TO NEW IDEAS. I HAVE ALREADY SPENT A STIMULATING HOUR WITH THE FELLOWS OF THE ASHBROOK CENTER AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS UPON COMPLETION OF MY REMARKS.

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TALK TODAY ABOUT THE STATUS OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE. THAT IS A FAIRLY BROAD TOPIC. PERHAPS THE BEST WAY TO TACKLE IT IS TO SPEND A LITTLE TIME DISCUSSING THE KIND OF WORLD AND THE NATURE OF THE CONFLICT OUR NATION FACES AND HOW THIS IN TURN DETERMINES THE MISSION OF INTELLIGENCE IN SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES POLICY.

YOU STUDENTS OF ASHLAND COLLEGE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF RECEIVING A FIRST-CLASS LIBERAL EDUCATION. I KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED DURING THE COURSE OF YOUR STUDIES TO THE TWO GREAT IRRECONCILABLY OPPOSED IDEAS ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE STATE. THE CONFLICT BETWEEN STATE DESPOTISM, AND THE NOTION THAT THE HIGHEST GOAL OF THE STATE IS TO PROTECT INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS AND CREATIVITY HAS DOMINATED WESTERN HISTORY FOR MILLENNIUMS. DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF PUTTING THIS CONFLICT IN THE PAST TENSE. THE CURRENT COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IS THE LATEST CHAPTER OF THE SAME CONFLICT THAT PITTED ATHENS AGAINST XERXES AND THE PERSIANS, AND MEDIEVAL EUROPE AGAINST GENGHIS KHAN AND THE MONGOLS.

UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS A HISTORY LESSON THAT IS NOT ALWAYS SUFFICIENTLY APPRECIATED. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR NATION UNDERSTAND JUST HOW DIFFERENT THE SOVIETS ARE FROM US IN THEIR HISTORY, CULTURE AND OUTLOOK.

LOOK AT THE DANILOFF AFFAIR. THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE INCAPABLE OF MAKING A DISTINCTION BETWEEN JOURNALISM AND ESPIONAGE, BUT PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF INDULGING IN THE MOST BLATANT FORM OF HOSTAGE-TAKING, TELLS ME THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH A FUNDAMENTALLY ALIEN AND TOTALLY UNPALATABLE VALUE SYSTEM THAT THREATENS OUR OWN CHERISHED INSTITUTIONS. LOOK AT THE

KAL-747 SHOOTDOWN. WE SHOULD NOT GET BOGGED DOWN IN THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SOVIET AIR DEFENSE COMMAND KNEW FOR A FACT THAT IT WAS SHOOTING DOWN A CIVILIAN 747. ALL WE NEED TO KNOW ON THAT IS THAT THE SOVIET SYSTEM WAS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF SHOOTING DOWN A LARGE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT ON THE MERE SUSPICION THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE.

I APOLOGIZE FOR STARTING OUT ON SUCH A PHILOSOPHIC NOTE, BUT LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IT IS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY THIS COUNTRY NEEDS A STRONG INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE ENGAGED IN A COMPETITION WITH THE SOVIETS IN THE FIRST PLACE AND WHAT THE REAL NATURE AND HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THE CONTEST IS. A THOUSAND YEARS OF RUSSIAN HISTORY -- REINFORCED ONLY RECENTLY BY MARXISM-LENINISM -- TELLS THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP THAT CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE, THAT THE CONTEST FOR GLOBAL SUPREMACY IS UNENDING, THAT ONE SIDE WILL WIN AND THE OTHER LOSE, AND THAT GOD, OR AS GOOD MARXISTS SAY "THE FORCES OF HISTORY," WILL ENSURE RUSSIAN VICTORY.

SO WHAT DOES THIS OUTLOOK MEAN FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOR OUR INTELLIGENCE MISSION? IT MEANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP REMAINS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A MILITARY FORCE THAT COULD FIGHT AND WIN A CONVENTIONAL OR NUCLEAR WAR. SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II, THE SOVIETS HAVE MAINTAINED A SIZEABLE EDGE IN CONVENTIONAL

MANPOWER AND FIREPOWER IN EUROPE. AND SOME TIME AGO, THE SOVIETS BEGAN TO RELENTLESSLY EXPAND A LARGE ARSENAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AIMED AT THE U.S., EUROPE AND EAST ASIA. NEW MISSILES AND MISSILE-CARRYING AIRCRAFT AND SUBMARINES ARE BEING DEVELOPED, TESTED AND DEPLOYED IN AMAZING PROFUSION. BY 1980 SOVIET STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE FORCES ALREADY HAD CAUGHT UP AND, IN SOME KEY AREAS, SURPASSED THOSE OF OUR OWN. JUST ONE SOBERING EXAMPLE: THE SOVIETS ARE NOW PROTECTING THEIR LAND-BASED MISSILE FORCES BY DEPLOYING MOBILE MISSILES. A MOBILE U.S. ICBM WILL NOT BE DEPLOYED UNTIL THE 1990s AT BEST.

PERHAPS EVEN MORE ALARMING, THE SOVIETS ARE IN THE MIDST OF A MAJOR LONGTERM MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM -- THEIR OWN "STAR WARS," IF YOU WILL, INVOLVING SOME 10 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES AND THOUSANDS OF SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS. THEY LONG AGO DEPLOYED AN ABM SYSTEM AROUND MOSCOW AND THEY ARE EMBARKED ON A CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM FEATURING A HUGELY EXPENSIVE AND AMBITIOUS UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES TO ENSURE THE SURVIVABILITY OF THEIR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DURING A NUCLEAR WAR. IN MISSILE DEFENSE, WE ARE THE NEWCOMERS ON THE BLOCK, ALTHOUGH YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW IT BY LISTENING TO SOVIET PROPAGANDA CONDEMNING THE PRESIDENT'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE AS "DESTABILIZING." IT'S HARDLY SURPRISING THAT THE ICELAND TALKS FOUNDERED ON GORBACHEV'S INSISTENCE THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN BACK AWAY FROM SDI. GIVEN THE SOVIETS' IMPRESSIVE STRATEGIC GAINS, THEY HAVE EVERY REASON TO WANT TO CUT OFF OUR GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO DEVELOP ITS OWN STRATEGIC DEFENSIVE.

THE CIA'S ORIGINAL MISSION WAS THE PREVENTION OF A SURPRISE MILITARY ATTACK ON THE U.S. -- ANOTHER PEARL HARBOR. AND IT STILL MUST BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY. THANKS IN PART TO AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY AND OUR EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION CAPABILITY WE ARE DOING A PRETTY GOOD JOB HERE. BUT WE DO HAVE OUR HANDS FULL. MOSCOW CONTINUES, THROUGH CAMOUFLAGE, CONCEALMENT AND OTHER MEASURES, TO DENY US CRITICAL INFORMATION WE NEED TO ASSESS THE CURRENT STRATEGIC BALANCE OR TO VERIFY ANY FUTURE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT. THIS MEANS WE MUST DEVOTE ENORMOUS RESOURCES AND A WIDE VARIETY OF HUMAN SKILLS AND SPECIALIZATIONS TO DEVELOP NEW INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION CAPABILITIES AND ACCURATELY ASSESS SOVIET NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL STRATEGIES AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SOVIET WEAPONS THAT MAY NOT BE DEPLOYED FOR ANOTHER 10 TO 15 YEARS. MUCH OF OUR BUDGET, TIME AND ATTENTION WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEDICATED TO THIS CORE PROBLEM.

THERE WAS A DAY WHEN UNDERSTANDING THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF OUR PRINCIPAL ADVERSARY WAS PRACTICALLY OUR ONLY MISSION. THAT DAY IS LONG PAST. THE WORLD HAS CHANGED TREMENDOUSLY SINCE THE IMMEDIATE POST-WORLD WAR II ERA WHEN THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION WERE THE ONLY WORLD PLAYERS THAT MATTERED. THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS HAS PROLIFERATED, ISSUES HAVE BECOME BEWILDERINGLY COMPLEX, THE PACE OF CHANGE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE ALMOST OVERWHELMING, AND THE WORLD MUCH SMALLER AND FAR MORE INTERDEPENDENT. AND THIS, IN TURN, HAS REVOLUTIONIZED THE WORLD OF INTELLIGENCE.

CUBA HAS IN OUR TIME BECOME THE LARGEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD. ITS GOVERNMENT IS IN HAVANA, ITS ADMINISTRATION IS IN MOSCOW, ITS ARMY IS IN AFRICA AND ITS PEOPLE ARE IN MIAMI. FOR MOST OF CIA'S HISTORY, ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA WERE RELATIVELY NEGLECTED AREAS. THE IRANIAN REVOLUTION MADE IT PAINFULLY CLEAR THAT THE LONGER TERM INTERESTS AND SECURITY OF THIS COUNTRY CAN BE DIRECTLY AT STAKE IN THE THIRD WORLD. IN THE WAKE OF OUR SAD EXPERIENCE IN IRAN, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED OUR EFFORT TO MONITOR AND ANTICIPATE INSTABILITY AND UNREST IN COUNTRIES OF KEY IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S.

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE OUR HANDS FULL. MUCH OF THE THIRD WORLD IS IN CRISIS. ONE NEEDS TO LOOK NO FURTHER THAN JUST BEYOND OUR SOUTHERN BORDER TO SEE A GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF THE PROBLEM: CRUSHING DEBT, A GROWING DISEQUALIBRIUM IN FOOD SUPPLY, RAPID POPULATION GROWTH, AND EXPLOSIVE URBANIZATION. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE THREAT TO THIRD WORLD STABILITY DOES NOT COME SOLELY FROM SUCH INHERENT DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS. IT COMES AS WELL FROM OVERT AND COVERT SOVIET ACTIVITIES AIMED AT SUBVERTING OR DESTABILIZING GOVERNMENTS FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. IN FACT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I BELIEVE THAT THE PRIMARY BATTLEFIELD OF THIS AGE-OLD STRUGGLE WITH TOTALITARIANISM IS NOT ON THE MISSILE TEST RANGES BUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE OF THE THIRD WORLD.

IN THIS VITAL AREA, THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN BUSILY TESTING WHETHER THE U.S. WILL RESIST FOREIGN PROVOKED AND SUPPORTED INSTABILITY AND INSURGENCY IN THE THIRD WORLD. IT HAS DEVELOPED AN AGGRESSIVE STRATEGY WHICH AVOIDS DIRECT CONFRONTATION AND INSTEAD TAKES MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THIRD WORLD SURROGATES LIKE CUBA, VIETNAM, LIBYA AND NICARAGUA TO OBTAIN SOVIET OBJECTIVES. THIS ENABLES MOSCOW TO DENY INVOLVEMENT, LABEL SUCH CONFLICTS AS INTERNAL, AND WARN SELF-RIGHTEOUSLY AGAINST OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

THIS CREEPING IMPERIALISM HAS, IN MY VIEW, TWO PRIMARY TARGETS -- THE OIL FIELDS OF THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH ARE THE LIFE LINE OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE AND THE ISTHMUS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA. AFGHANISTAN, SOUTH YEMEN, ETHIOPIA, AS WELL AS CAM RANH BAY IN VIETNAM, AND MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BRING SOVIET POWER MUCH CLOSER TO THE SOURCES OF OIL AND MINERALS ON WHICH THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS DEPEND AND PUTS SOVIET NAVAL AND AIR POWER ASTRIDE THE SEA LANES WHICH CARRY THOSE RESOURCES TO AMERICA, EUROPE AND JAPAN.

TIME AND AGAIN WE HAVE WATCHED THE SOVIETS AND THEIR SURROGATES MOVE IN TO EXPLOIT AND INSTIGATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DISCONTENT. THEY GAIN AN INSURGENT BASE, EXPAND IT WITH TRAINED MEN AND MILITARY ARMS, DRIVE OUT INVESTMENT, AND WAIT FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY TO FALL. SINCE 1972 MOSCOW HAS ADDED FIVE NEW CLIENT STATES IN THE THIRD WORLD AND THREATENS MORE THAN A DOZEN OTHER REGIMES VIA CROSSBORDER MILITARY OPERATIONS, INSURGENCIES AND SUBVERSION.

IT'S NOT A VERY PRETTY PICTURE. MARXIST-LENINIST POLICIES AND TACTICS HAVE UNLEASHED THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE. THROUGHOUT THE THIRD WORLD WE SEE FAMINE IN AFRICA, PESTILENCE THROUGH CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL AGENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND INDO-CHINA, WAR ON THREE CONTINENTS, AND DEATH EVERYWHERE. IN THOSE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES IN WHICH MARXIST REGIMES HAVE BEEN EITHER IMPOSED OR MAINTAINED BY EXTERNAL FORCES, THERE HAS OCCURRED A HOLOCAUST COMPARABLE TO THAT WHICH NAZI GERMANY INFLICTED IN EUROPE SOME 40 YEARS AGO. SOME FOUR MILLION AFGHANS, MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER OF THE POPULATION, HAVE HAD TO FLEE THEIR COUNTRY. IN CAMBODIA, 2 TO 3 MILLION PEOPLE, SOMETHING LIKE ONE-QUARTER OF THE PRE-WAR POPULATION, HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE MOST VIOLENT AND BRUTAL MANNER BY BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MARXIST FORCES.

NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS. THE PENDULUM OF HISTORY SLOWLY BUT SURELY IS SWINGING AWAY FROM SOVIET MARXISM AS A MODEL FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, AND TOWARD THE CONCEPTS OF DEMOCRACY AND FREE MARKET ECONOMICS. THERE WAS A DAY -- NOT TOO LONG AGO -- WHEN SOVIET-STYLE COLLECTIVISM WAS WIDELY SEEN AS THE PANACEA FOR THIRD WORLD SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ILLS. NO ONE -- NOT EVEN THE SOVIETS AND THEIR FRIENDS -- BELIEVES THIS TODAY. ABOUT ALL MOSCOW STILL HAS GOING FOR IT IS A PROVEN FORMULA FOR SUBVERSION AND AN UNDILUTED WILLINGNESS TO USE RAW POWER TO SHORE UP AND PROTECT THEIR UNPOPULAR CLIENT REGIMES. IN SHORT, MOSCOW INCREASINGLY FINDS ITSELF ON THE DEFENSIVE, SUPPORTING

HIGH-COST, LONG-TERM EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN IN POWER THE REPRESSIVE REGIMES THEY HAVE INSTALLED OR CO-OPTED IN PLACES LIKE AFGHANISTAN, ANGOLA, ETHIOPIA, CAMBODIA, MOZAMBIQUE, YEMEN AND NICARAGUA. RIGHT NOW, WELL OVER 300,000 RESISTANCE FIGHTERS HAVE TAKEN UP ARMS AGAINST THE WELL OVER 300,000 SOVIET, VIETNAMESE AND CUBAN TROOPS OCCUPYING THESE COUNTRIES.

THIS ROLE REVERSAL COULD TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF THE GREAT HISTORICAL TURNING POINTS OF OUR LIFETIME. BUT IT WILL ONLY WORK OUT THIS WAY IF THE INDIGENOUS THIRD WORLD FORCES RESISTING MARXISM-LENINISM, TOGETHER WITH THE U.S. AND THE WEST, CAN ACT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPEN "WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY" TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY.

HOW DO WE DO THIS? FIRST, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT TWO CAN PLAY THE SAME GAME. JUST AS THERE IS A CLASSIC FORMULA FOR COMMUNIST SUBVERSION AND TAKEOVER, THERE ALSO IS A PROVEN METHOD OF OVERTHROWING REPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT THAT CAN BE APPLIED SUCCESSFULLY IN THE THIRD WORLD.

NICARAGUA, WHERE A SOVIET MILITARY BASE DIVIDING NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA IS BEING PUT INTO PLACE, IS A GOOD EXAMPLE. THE NEW MONEY RECENTLY VOTED BY CONGRESS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO FURTHER TURN UP THE HEAT ON THE SANDINISTAS BY STEADILY EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF RESISTANCE TROOPS IN THE FIELD AND BY OPENING NEW AREAS OF OPERATION. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT MATCHING

THE SANDINISTAS WEAPON-FOR-WEAPON OR OF ACHIEVING A CLASSIC MILITARY VICTORY. HISTORY SHOWS THAT A COMBINATION OF NAGGING INSURGENT MILITARY PRESSURE AND PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT IS WHAT BRINGS DOWN OR ALTERS AN UNPOPULAR GOVERNMENT. THIS PROCESS ALREADY IS UNDERWAY IN NICARAGUA. THE INSURGENTS HAVE MADE LARGE GAINS AMONG A PEOPLE UNHAPPY WITH MANAGUA'S RECENT COLLECTIVIZATION AND RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS THE SANDINISTAS' MANDATORY MILITARY DRAFT AND ANTI-CHURCH POLICIES.

AS I'VE SAID, BOTH WE AND THE SOVIETS HAVE A LOT AT STAKE IN THE THIRD WORLD. BUT NO WHERE IS THIS MORE TRUE THAN IN CENTRAL AMERICA. THE SANDINISTAS, WITH A LOT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN HELP, HAVE BUILT AN ALL-POWERFUL STATE SECURITY APPARATUS, THE STRONGEST ARMED FORCES IN THE REGION AND, PERHAPS MOST DISTURBING, HAVE DEVELOPED A CENTER FOR EXPORTING TERRORISM. THE LIBYANS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT IN NICARAGUA TO THE TUNE OF SOMETHING LIKE \$100 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. YOUNG MEN FROM LATIN AMERICA ARE BEING SENT TO LIBYA FOR TRAINING IN THE TERRORIST CAMPS THERE AND THEN ARE BROUGHT BACK TO BE PLANTED AMONG THE POPULATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA, IN VENEZUELA, IN ECUADOR. IF THE SANDINISTA REGIME CONSOLIDATES ITSELF, WE CAN EXPECT MANAGUA TO BECOME THE BEIRUT OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

AND OF COURSE, THERE IS NO WAY OUR COUNTRY CAN IMMUNIZE ITSELF FROM SUCH AN INFECTION. ALREADY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NICARAGUANS AND SALVADORANS HAVE FLED THEIR COUNTRIES AND HEADED NORTH. CAN ANYONE DOUBT THAT AS SOON AS IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT THE COMMUNISTS ARE ABOUT TO COMPLETE THEIR CONQUEST OF NICARAGUA, ANOTHER SIGNAL WILL BE FLASHED AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WILL LEAVE CENTRAL AMERICA, AND ULTIMATELY MEXICO, TO CROSS THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.

THERE'S NOTHING INEVITABLE ABOUT THIS SCENARIO. I'M CONVINCED THAT WITH ONLY VERY MODEST MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEST, THE ANTI-COMMUNIST LIBERATION MOVEMENTS NOW UNDERWAY IN NICARAGUA AND THE THIRD WORLD CAN CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND EVENTUALLY RESTORE FREEDOM AND BRING DEMOCRACY TO THOSE COUNTRIES. BUT THIS COUNTRY'S STRATEGY IN THE THIRD WORLD MUST GO FAR BEYOND SUPPORTING FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

MARXISM-LENINISM MAY BE INTELLECTUALLY, MORALLY AND ECONOMICALLY BANKRUPT, BUT WE ARE NOT. IN ADDITION TO DOING WHAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS RESISTANCE TO SOVIET-BACKED REPRESSIVE REGIMES, WE HAVE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE CORE DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND HOW THE WEST'S TECHNOLOGICAL INGENUITY, ITS ENTREPRENEURIAL TALENTS, AND ITS FREE MARKET ECONOMICS CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR. THIS, OF COURSE, IS THE WEST'S REAL ACE-IN-THE-HOLE AND HERE WE HAVE ONLY JUST BEGUN TO SCRATCH THE SURFACE.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO MORE AT CIA. WE'VE MOVED THE HUGE GENERAL ISSUE OF THIRD WORLD STABILITY AND FREEDOM UP TO ONE OF OUR FRONT BURNERS. WE ARE SEEKING TO EXPLOIT SOVIET VULNERABILITY BUT WE ARE MOVING ON A BROADER FRONT AS WELL. FOR EXAMPLE, WE HAVE A TEAM OF ANALYSTS WORKING TO IDENTIFY WESTERN TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THIRD WORLD RESOURCES AND MARKETS. OUR NEED FOR PEOPLE WITH LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES, SOME EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN CULTURE, FOR THIRD WORLD ECONOMISTS AND SOCIAL SCIENTISTS, HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER.

AS I'VE ALREADY MADE CLEAR, THE INTELLIGENCE PROFESSION INDEED IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS JUST TEN YEARS AGO. WE'VE BEEN DRAWN INTO OTHER NON-TRADITIONAL AREAS OF COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS AT A BREATHTAKING PACE. I AM TALKING ABOUT THE KIND OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUES THAT ARE IMPOSING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT CHALLENGES TO OUR SOCIETY. THIS LIST IS LONG -- INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS, THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS AND STOLEN BLUEPRINTS AND OTHER FORMS OF STOLEN TECHNOLOGY, JUST TO MENTION A FEW.

I'M PROUD OF THE MANNER IN WHICH WE HAVE MOVED SMARTLY TO EXTEND OUR REACH TO DEVELOP NEW COLLECTION TECHNIQUES, HIRING AND TRAINING NEW KINDS OF ANALYSTS, AND UTILIZING EMERGING

TECHNOLOGIES. BUT IN OUR BUSINESS WE CAN'T AFFORD TO STAND STILL. THE KGB AND ITS ALLIED INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AND FRONT ORGANIZATIONS CONSTITUTE A WORLDWIDE APPARATUS THAT IS WORKING TO STEAL OUR TECHNOLOGY, DAMAGE OUR REPUTATION, DIVIDE US FROM OUR FRIENDS, AND DESTABILIZE, SUBVERT, AND OVERTHROW GOVERNMENTS FRIENDLY TO US. CIA IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION IN THE WEST WITH THE RANGE, THE RESOURCES AND THE CAPABILITIES NECESSARY TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THIS CHALLENGE. WE, MORE THAN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION IN THE WEST, HAVE THE INFORMATION, EXPERTISE AND RESOURCES TO DO INDEPTH RESEARCH ACROSS THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF INTERNATIONAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND DEMOGRAPHIC DEVELOPMENTS AND PRODUCE CAREFUL ASSESSMENTS OF THE PROBLEMS WE WILL FACE NOW AND BEYOND THE YEAR 2000.

SOME OF OUR NEW RECRUITS WILL BE CHARGED WITH UNRAVELING THE PUZZLE OF HOW THE SOVIET UNION AND SOME OTHER COUNTRIES ARE SETTING UP HUNDREDS OF DUMMY CORPORATIONS IN ORDER TO ILLEGALLY ACQUIRE SOME OF OUR MOST SENSITIVE NEW TECHNOLOGY. OTHERS WILL BE GIVEN THE JOB OF CHARTING THE CONVOLUTED ROADMAP OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG DEALING. OTHERS WILL BE CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF EXPOSING AND COUNTERING THE HUGE SOVIET ESPIONAGE AND PROPAGANDA APPARATUS. MANY WILL BE GIVEN THE TASK OF DEVELOPING NEW METHODS OF GATHERING, ANALYZING AND INTERPRETING DATA. THERE IS, IN FACT, AN ENDLESS PARADE OF NEW CHALLENGES.

THIS IS, IN OTHER WORDS, AN EXCITING TIME TO BE WORKING IN INTELLIGENCE. WE ARE OPTIMISTS WHO ARE TRYING TO OPEN WIDE THAT WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY I'VE ALLUDED TO. BUT I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANYONE OUT OF THE FUN. IT'S AN EXCITING TIME TO BE AN AMERICAN. I HOPE A FEW OF YOU WILL END UP IN INTELLIGENCE WORK. MOST OF YOU WON'T. BUT ALL OF YOU, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, ARE GOING TO BE INVOLVED IN THE PROBLEMS I'VE ADDRESSED. AND ALL OF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTIONS. YOUR GENERATION'S COMMITMENT TO THE VALUES ESPOUSED BY ASHLAND COLLEGE, YOUR GENERATION'S INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT, ITS PATRIOTISM AND, YES, ITS UNDERSTANDING OF HISTORY WILL GO FAR IN DETERMINING HOW OUR NATION FARES IN THE OPENING YEARS OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

IN CLOSING, LET ME AGAIN THANK YOU AND THE JOHN ASHBROOK CENTER FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE EXPOSED TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND YOUNG IDEAS. NOW HOW ABOUT SOME QUESTIONS.

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